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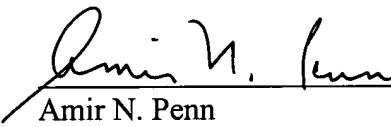
one transverse direction in the second medium and coherently to sum the signal parts while suppressing noise generated by the amplifiers.

**REMARKS**

It is respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance and patentably distinguish over the art of record. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

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## APPENDIX UNDER 37 CFR 1.121(c)

1. (Amended) An amplifier arrangement for amplifying a signal having a full width half maximum (FWHM) parameter, the amplifier arrangement comprising:

- an input node provided on a first transmission medium;
- an output node provided on a second transmission medium;
- a plurality of amplifiers connected in respective spaced parallel paths extending between the first medium [input node] and the second medium [output node];
- the input node dividing an input signal into signal parts and feeding the signal parts along respective paths to the output node; [and]
- the paths having equal propagation delays for the signal parts, to provide at the output node an output signal comprising a summation of the signal parts; and
- the amplifier arrangement being characterized in that a spacing between one of said paths and an adjacent path being at least equal to a distance through which the signal would travel in a time corresponding to its FWHM parameter.

2. (Amended) An amplifier arrangement as claimed in claim 1 wherein the [comprising a] first transmission medium has [having] one end and an opposite end, wherein the [and a] second transmission medium has [having] one end and an opposite end and [,] wherein the input node is provided towards the one end of the first transmission medium and [, wherein] the output node is provided towards the opposite end of the second transmission medium [and wherein the parallel paths extend between the first transmission medium and the second transmission medium].

3. (Amended) An amplifier arrangement as claimed in claim 2 wherein the [a] spacing between adjacent paths is constant [one of said parallel paths and an adjacent parallel path on the first transmission medium is equal to a spacing between the one path and the adjacent path on the second transmission medium].

4. (Amended) An amplifier arrangement as claimed in [any one of claims 2 and] claim 3 wherein termination means is provided at the opposite end of the first transmission medium and at the one end of the second transmission medium.

6. (Amended) An amplifier arrangement as claimed in [any one of claims 2 to 5] claim 4 wherein one of the first transmission medium and the second transmission medium comprises a transmission line.

10. (Amended) An amplifier arrangement as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to] claim 6 wherein the second transmission medium comprises a three-dimensional cavity comprising signal absorbent means.

11. (Amended) A method of amplifying a signal having a full width half maximum (FWHM) parameter comprising the steps of:

- at an input node, dividing the signal into signal parts propagating along respective spaced paths to an output node;
- amplifying the signal parts in the paths by amplifying means in the paths;
- causing a propagating delay in each of the paths to be the same; and
- characterized by causing a spacing between adjacent paths to be at least equal to a distance through which the signal would travel in a time corresponding to the FWHM parameter of the signal, thereby at the output node, coherently summing the amplified signal parts, to provide an output signal; and incoherently summing noise added by the amplifying means.

12. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the output signal is caused to propagate in predominantly a first direction towards an output, wherein noise is caused to propagate in another direction as well, and wherein the noise propagating in the other direction is absorbed by termination means.

15. (New claim) A noise suppressing amplifier arrangement comprising:  
an input node provided on a first transmission medium:

an output node provided on a second transmission medium; and  
a plurality of amplifiers connected in respective spaced parallel paths extending  
between the first medium and the second medium,  
wherein the input node divides an input signal into signal parts and feeds the  
signal parts along respective paths to the output node;  
wherein the paths having equal propagation delays for the signal parts; and  
wherein the second transmission medium comprises one of a two dimensional conductive  
layer and a three dimensional cavity arranged to allow signals to propagate in more than  
one transverse direction in the second medium and coherently to sum the signal parts  
while suppressing noise generated by the amplifiers.